



*West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators*

**WVASFAA Business Meeting Minutes**

**November 19, 2020 – Virtual – 2:00 pm**

**Call to Order** – President Nicole Solomon called Meeting to order.

**Secretary Report** - Minutes were provided October 25, 2019. Candi Frazier moved to accept the minutes as presented Tiffany Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Stephany Harper reported with registration provided paying of membership dues for the virtual conference funds are just over \$23,000. Membership was processed for 127 regular membership – 93 paid, 34 outstanding, and 13 business partners.

Nicole wanted to thank everyone who had part in putting together this our first virtual conference especially Tiffany Myers who did an excellent job. An evaluation survey will be sent to all WVASFAA database for an evaluation of the Fall 2020 conference and information about the future of our Spring Conference.

I am planning a few Bag Lunch/Happy Hour informal zoom meeting where we can discussions are missed as we socialize at in person conferences and Hospitality rooms. Hope to have the first one mid-December. Stay tuned.

**Sector Reports**

**4-Year** – Aaron Staats reported that West Virginia University, Marshall University and Concord University were in attendance. Discussions were on Course Program of Study, FAFSA numbers being down. Concord University had a drive through FAFSA Workshop. Other topics were R2T4, Waivers, and Cares Act.

**Privates** – Matt Linder reported that discussion on Degree Pursuant Coursework and SAP.

**Business Partners** – Chester Priest reported that all the business partners were thankful for their participation in the virtual conference. Commended WV for an excellent virtual conference, appreciated being able to open each session with a short commercial explaining what each of us have available. An Idea box was sent out asking for suggestions to like speed dating, virtual flip rooms.

**President's Elect Report** – Tiffany Myers reported that her goals for 2021-22 will be to increase awareness and participation in WVASFAA and increase interest in MASFAA. Expand out social media to Twitter and other social media platforms. Intend to spotlight Financial Aid offices across the state. Will have Committee Chairs and Budget ready for approval by the Spring Executive Board Meeting. Tiffany wanted



to thank the 13 business partners who participated. We held 16 sessions, thanks to all the speakers. PDF versions of all the presentations are on the website. Please respond to the evaluation survey when it is sent. Spring conference is scheduled for March 23-26 which if meeting is virtual it is scheduled to change. Suggestions for sessions and topics would be appreciated.

### **Committee Reports**

**Long Range Planning** – Laura Helmick reported that all through the COVID-19 Pandemic we have been in contact with the Bridgeport Conference Center with the Spring 2021 conference on hold. We will honor the agreement to have 3 in person conferences with them depending when they are.

**Elections** – Nicole reported for Consuela Phillips that elections were not held for the Fall Conference because of the 30 day prior requirement. We will be electing a full-house this go round with President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Associate Member, and Business Partner.

**Financial Aid Training for Counselors** – Karen Martin reported that 10 virtual Counselor Workshops were held for the first time with 225 participants. Thanks to Brian Weingart, Tana Pendell, and Judy Kee Smith, Michelle Marlowe, and Sarah Musgrave for their participation.

**Professional Development and Training** – Candi Frazier reported that she and JoAnn Ross are going to try and shake things up a bit with first time attendees implementing and developing a track for new Financial Aid Professionals.

**Constitution and Bylaws** – Gwen Bausley reported that the first of the year she will be reformatting the Policies and Procedures.

**State and Federal Updates** – Brian Weingart reported with the upcoming elections we will not know what their goals will be. Not much done with a divided congress it remains to be seen with different leadership. On the state level, we had bi-partisan support with a new program launched WV Invest. Even through COVID-19 we were able to handle all our programs.

**Awards** – Chester Priest asked that if anyone retires on everyone's campus to let him know. Also we will be doing awards for 2 years with the Spring 2020 getting canceled so look out for Spring 2021.

**Social Media** – Sarah Musgrave asked that everyone like our Facebook page and look for updates as we had no pictures to share from a virtual conference.

**Website** – Bethany Schiffbauer reported that the Directory is live. Advanced search is now working. We are going to be building a Business Partner page on our website with more information.

**Old Business** – No

**New Business** - Laura Helmick would like to suggest that we record all the session next year. A Permission Form should be placed on the website for individuals to complete and give permission

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin  
Secretary